

### TALK OF THE TOWN

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R. L. Taylor, of Portland, is visiting father, R. L. Taylor, for a few days. W. is now a Portland barber.

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Miss Eda Jacobs, of Portland, was an ardent Sunday visitor with home folks in Lowell. She will go to Albany today where she will attend the Grand Lodge of the Rebekah Assembly now in session at that place. Miss Jacobs is the Grand Treasurer.

J. A. Branson, who has been clerking for Victor Moses at the store for some time has accepted a position as bookkeeper for McCully Brothers at Joseph, Oregon and will leave at once for the home. Mr. Branson has proved himself a worthy young man and entitled to advancement.

A very commendable feature of the work of the young people at the Presbyterian church is their earnest effort on behalf of the new church. Already they have subscribed \$550 and from present indications much more will be added to the list. It attracts their attention from frivolous things and cultivates a spirit of generosity along the line of religious thought and action.

Otto F. I. Herse made his first appearance in the musical roll since his return at the Presbyterian church at both morning and evening service Sunday. The offertory rendered by him was well received and his friends at the church particularly pleased to have him with them once more. He has a remarkably clear sweet voice, thoroughly trained and always meets with a cordial reception from a music loving public.

A jolly party assembled at the Stahl Island last Sunday and spent the day in good old-fashioned style. Liquid refreshments were plentiful and fun abounded, as viewed from their standpoint, as the order of the day. One goose in the river and as the paddles in the head were turned the wrong way he fell in the swimming process, and it required the united efforts of the bunch to fish him out.

Quite a delegation of Corvallis people were among the excursionists to Newport yesterday, among the list being Amy Cameron, Willis Vidito and wife, Harper, wife and sister, John Allen, B. Horning, Will Horning, George Mt, Emmel Horning, Frank Lewis, Abel Farmer, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. M. Brodie and many others. The weather at the beach was ideal and the day was one of great pleasure, with rhododendrons blooming in profusion nothing to mar the happy surroundings except a few straggling hoodlums who are ever present on such occasions.

### CLEVER COLLEGE SKIT

Y. W. C. A. Girls Pleased Large Audience Saturday Night.

The entertainment given by the Y. W. C. A. girls at the Opera house Saturday night was an unqualified success, the opening tableaux being quite effective in staging and novel in idea.

The fun of the evening was the clever college skit billed as "A Case of Suspension" and the local hits were so humorously given that they elicited rounds of applause without giving any cause for unfriendly comment.

The cast was perfect and each number did really excellent work, reflecting great credit upon Mrs. H. B. Carter, who directed the rehearsals.

The young ladies deserve lots of credit for the evening's entertainment and were fully entitled to the financial success they realized.

Trunks and suit cases at Blackledge's Furniture store. 5-17-tf

### Disgraceful Excursion

The Rhododendron excursion to Newport yesterday was about as disgraceful an exhibition of drunkenness, rowdiness and other objectionable features as could possibly be imagined, the prevalence of intoxication, profanity and obscene language and even more disgusting sights and sounds on portions of the train being an insult to the respectable people who had taken the trip with the anticipation of having a pleasant outing.

The floors of some of the cars were strewn with whiskey bottles, vulgar, profane and obscene language was everywhere heard, persons in a state of beastly intoxication wallowed in their own vomit and it is stated no attempt was made by the train crew to remedy this condition of affairs.

Who these offenders were or what towns along the line they came from is not so much a matter of concern as the fact that they were a disgrace to themselves, a nuisance to other passengers and the means of casting a stigma upon the railroad company, for if this sort of thing is to be permitted during the coming season, there will be very few self-respecting people who will care to be subjected to such indignity.

Yesterday's experience should not be again allowed to occur.

Acme Quality Paints and Floor Varnish that wears at A. L. Miner's. 5-17-tf

The Wrong Bird. One of the well known magicians not long ago had a queer experience, but the people in the theater had more fun out of it than he did. One of his tricks was to shake a sack to show that it was empty and then to draw out of it an egg, after which he would always reach in again and bring out the hen that laid the egg. Of course he had to have help in this, and one night he had a new man who did everything just as he had been told until it came to this act. Reaching into the bag, he drew forth the fowl at the usual time, but instead of the hen an old rooster hopped down on to the stage, ruffled its feathers and strutted around, crowing with all its might, while the audience laughed and the magician went out to hunt his new helper.—London Opinion.

### WHITE HOUSE THRIFT

Noticeable Chiefly in Reducing Number of Servants.

### CASTE LINES OBLITERATED.

All Help Must Now Eat at One Table Instead of Three—Roosevelt Lunches Discontinued—Mrs. Taft Largely Responsible For the Change.

President and Mrs. Taft are going on the principle that if the government is to economize economy ought to begin at home. Therefore the running expenses of the White House are being cut down. Since March 4 savings and curtailments have been effected in various directions about the executive mansion.

Mrs. Taft is responsible in a large measure for the savings that have been brought about, for one thing when the new administration took possession of the laundresses. The number has been reduced to three. Formerly there were an engineer, an assistant engineer and a plumber about the establishment. One man is now retained to do any engineering work or plumbing work that is necessary.

Under the Roosevelt regime Pinkney, the colored steward, was an important functionary about the establishment. Now a steward is no longer kept. Pinkney has gone on the government rolls as a messenger. Mrs. Taft has obtained a first class housekeeper, Miss Jefferson. The management of the White House in large measure rests with Miss Jefferson, who attends to the buying. Mrs. Roosevelt used to do much of the buying for the establishment herself.

One of the important reforms wrought about the White House consists in reducing the number of tables at which the negro servants take their meals from three to one. It used to be before March 4 that there were three tables for the colored help. One table was for the high caste part of the force of servants. Here Charles Reader, the coachman; Pinkney, the steward, and a few of the elite of the servants assembled and dined on the fat of the land, having what the White House family had. The second table was reserved for the chef and the middle class of servants. The third table was for the laundresses and the scrub-women. Now, it appears, these distinctions have been thrust aside, and Miss Jefferson has caused all the colored help to eat at the same table. The days of terrapin for some and no terrapin for others have gone. All the servants are treated alike. Doubtless this has caused some heartburning and dissatisfaction, but if there has been any murmuring it has been done under cover. The White House is too good a place to work and the wages too good to imperil a job by complaining about distinctions of caste at the dinner table.

These and other reforms have been effected. Of course it will not require so big a bill for supplies for the White House table in this administration as it did in the former one. One reason is that luncheon is not made as much of by President Taft as Mr. Roosevelt used to make it. Roosevelt insisted on having a lot of people at lunch. He hated to eat alone, and he liked to take advantage of lunch to extract an infinite amount of information out of a variegated assortment of people. And the amount of information he got in this way was astonishing. President Taft does not eat luncheon himself save an apple, and so the chief White House functions now are the dinners, which are quite up to the best White House standard.

If the various departments and bureaus go at the economizing business as thoroughly as the White House has it will be possible to make some reductions in appropriations.—Washington Cor. New York Globe.

### FULLY DRESSED FLEAS.

Pair Brought From Mexico by Ohio Man Said to Wear Clothes. George W. Kinne of Massillon, O., a traveling man, has brought from Mexico a pair of dressed fleas he bought in a department store in the City of Mexico. The male has on a pair of trousers and a coat and the female a short skirt and bodice. Both wear little caps, on which are aligrets.

Kinne says the fleas were dressed by native Indians. They are no bigger than the average of the species known to residents of the United States.

New Use For Compass. Berlin is placing the points of the compass in its pavements for the benefit of bewildered pedestrians.

A Strong Partnership. Said the baseball bug To the lazy germ: "We're getting close To the heated term. When the skies will shine Like a sheet of flame, And the crowds will gather To watch the game. I'll chase the players From base to base While you tempt men To a shady place Where they can gaze Till their souls enthuse And yell at the umpire All they choose. We'll show the world On a summer hour How the smallest may oft Exert most power. The statesmen great And the financiers Will yield to the spell As we draw near. In affairs we will be A leading firm." Said the baseball bug To the lazy germ.—Washington Star.

### DIPLOMACY OF OSCAR STRAUS

How New Ambassador to Turkey Helped His Country in Philippines.

Oscar S. Straus, former secretary of commerce and labor, who has been appointed United States ambassador to Turkey, was at Constantinople when Aguinaldo's forces rose against the United States government in the Philippines and through prompt action prevented the augmentation of the insurgent ranks by the large Mohammedan population of the islands.

The Mohammedans of the Philippines recognize the sultan of Turkey as the head of their church. Mr. Straus, who at that time was the American minister to Turkey, knowing this, called on the late sultan, Abdul Hamid II., as soon as he heard of the outbreak of the insurrection. "I come," he said, "to beg your imperial majesty to use your good offices to bring the Mohammedans of the south Philippine Islands—Mindanao and the Zulu archipelago—to our side and to restrain them from joining the insurgents."

"But," said the sultan, "won't your country try to take their religion away from these people?" "Certainly not. The cornerstone of the whole system of government in the United States is religious freedom, and so far from there being any hostility to the Mohammedan religion, the case is exactly the reverse. As an evidence of the recognition of this by Mohammedan powers I beg to call your majesty's attention to the terms of a treaty negotiated more than 100 years ago in the administration of our first president with the bey of Tripoli."

Thereupon Mr. Straus produced a copy of this ancient treaty, the very existence of which is probably not known by a hundred persons in the United States, much less the circumstances leading up to its negotiation.

The Barbary powers had always declined to enter into any treaty with the European governments because of the fact that under them the church and state were united, and a recognition of the government would have involved a recognition of the Christian church as an institution. When the envoy of President Washington proposed the treaty which was afterward agreed to, the government of Tripoli declined to consider it. The envoy thereupon pointed out that, in the new government across the ocean, there was no recognition of any church, and a special article was inserted in the treaty to that effect. On this basis the treaty was agreed to.

As soon as Mr. Straus had finished reading this clause of the understanding between President Washington and the bey of Tripoli the sultan declared himself perfectly satisfied and ready to do what he could with the Mohammedans in the Philippines. He telegraphed to one of the Philippine leaders who happened to be in Mecca, and as a result that dignitary left at once for the scene of trouble. Here he laid the sultan's advice before the other leaders, and the Mohammedans ranged themselves on the side of the United States.—Saturday Evening Post.

### PLAN TO START DAY EARLIER.

Proposed to Push All Clocks Ahead Two Hours in Summer.

Prominent Cincinnatians are interesting themselves in a national movement to change business hours during the summer months after the plan proposed in England and begin the day two hours earlier in summer than in the other months of the year.

It is proposed that each year on May 1 standard time of the United States be advanced two hours and continue thus until Oct. 1. In this way it is intended that persons who start to work at 7 o'clock in the morning during other months shall begin at 5 in summer and quit two hours earlier.

### ROCKEFELLER RAINBOW LAKE

One of the New Features of the Oil Magnate's New Castle.

John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, has a rainbow lake. This is one of the unusual features of his new mansion on the Pocantico hills, near Tarrytown, N. Y.

The lake is situated on the west side of his stone castle. It is so paved with colored stones that the fountain which plays in the center of it throws out a mist which shows rainbows at every point of view.

This is one of the new features planned by Mr. Rockefeller, and he expects to take much pleasure in viewing the thousands of rainbows which will be visible daily.

### Kentucky Furniture In Vogue.

The mountains of Kentucky are filled with furniture of a kind which is beginning to have a vogue as "art." It is the old fashioned splint style, and it has followed in the wake of mission furniture and others of the type. The mountaineers furnish their homes almost altogether with chairs and tables of their own manufacture, and they are very comfortable. The seats and backs of the chairs are made by weaving the tough bark of a tree together. It makes a strong and yielding seat.

### New Picture Telegraph.

A new apparatus for the telegraphic transmission of pictures, called the teleautocopyist, was displayed at the Academy of Sciences, in Paris, the other day. It is a great improvement on previous machines, inasmuch as it is purely mechanical, does not employ photography, works with great rapidity and does not require skilled manipulation.

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